

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE  
FESTIVAL AND CELEBRATIONS FUNDING METHODOLOGY  
AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**METHODOLOGY**

- 1) Use the following review criteria in evaluating funding proposals, the applicant and the applicant organizations' proposed event's:
  - Current contractual performance (if applicable);
  - The appropriateness of the project goals and objectives, given the project description;
  - Project budget and how accurately it supports the project goals and objectives;
  - Quality of the responses to the various application sections; and
  - Collateral materials submitted with the proposal.
- 2) Adjust applicant requests (when applicable) to 10% of the total available funds.
- 3) Apply the following rank factors to all funding levels
 

4:	70%	3+:	60%	2+:	0
4-:	65%	3:	55%	2:	0
		3-:	34%		

NOTE: Applicants with ranks below a "2" are not recommended for funding.

- 4) New applicants in their first year of funding receive 50% of their computed allocation (i.e. [Applicant Request Amount x Rank Factor] x50%).
- 5) Second year applicants receive 70% of their computed allocation (i.e. [Applicant Request Amount x Rank Factor] x70%).
- 6) No applicant will receive an allocation of less than \$1,000.
- 7) No applicant will be funded over its requested amount.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- 1) **How do I know what the recommended funding is for a particular organization?**  
Funding recommendations are shown in the far right column called **FY04 Final**. It is also the only column with a bold border.
- 2) **Why does an organization's funding change from one year to the next?**  
Factors that affect funding from one year to the next include changes in rank, changes in project expenses and changes in total available funds relative to total requests.
- 3) **How is the recommended funding determined?**  
If the FY04 Request is greater than 10% of the available funds, it is adjusted to 10% of the available funds (\$52,543). If the FY04 Request is not correct based on the established request formula, it is corrected.

The Adjusted Request is multiplied by the Rank Value (upper left-hand side). If it is a new organization or in its second year of funding, the previous figure is multiplied by 50% or 70% respectively.

**4) What are the letters in the “Code” column at the right of the page?**

These letters correspond to the legend directly above them. They explain which rules have been applied to that organization’s final funding